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Method/Cost of Liquid Gas for Household Use

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Wages at Pitesti

1. Drillers are claimed to earn from 2,400 to 2,700 lei (\$400 to \$450) a month, plus a 250 thousand lei (\$41,666) bonus recently distributed to about two hundred drillers, bridgemen, assistants and mechanics, by use of the water drilling method in Pitesti oil fields. Much greater drilling speed is alleged to be possible through hard strata.

New Refinery Method

2. Refinery No 1 at Ploesti has been testing a new method for producing primary distillation gasoline from stabilized natural gasoline. The method, developed by a group of engineers and chemists, is alleged to have proved so successful that the production of primary distillation gasoline can be increased tenfold. No details concerning the method are divulged.

Winter Kerosene Rationing

3. Kerosene rationing, suspended on 31 Mar 54 began again on 1 October. Back rations for April, May, and June could be had in October, and for July, August, and September in November. Rations for the final three months of the year were procurable in December. According to the type of ration card issued, consumers got from 14 to 25 liters a month (3.70 to 6.60 US gallons).

4. Bottled liquid gas for household use costs:

Type A container

13 lei delivered to customer	(\$2.17)
11.50 lei at distributing center	(\$1.91)
10.40 lei at depot	(\$1.73)

Type A P Container

12.20 lei at customer's house	(2.03)
10.75 lei at distributing center	(1.79)
9.60 lei at depot	(1.60)

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